जिसके परिणामस्वरूप 60 व्यक्तियों की मृत्यु हो गई थी, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या निष्कर्ष रहे हैं; और

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकारें तीर्थ स्थलों में भगदड़ को नियंत्रित करने संबंधी सरकार की नीतियों से संतुष्ट हैं; यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में उनकी मुख्य आपत्तियां क्या हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। चूंकि कानून और व्यवस्था राज्य का विषय है अतः केन्द्र सरकार ने इस घटना की कोई जांच की है।

(ख) धार्मिक स्थानों पर भीड़ नियंत्रण उपायों के बारे में केन्द्र सरकार की कोई नीति नहीं है। संविधान के अनुसार "लोक व्यवस्था" और "पुलिस" राज्य के विषय होने के कारण कानून और व्यवस्था बनाए रखना राज्य सरकारों के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है। संबंधित राज्य सरकारों का काम है कि वह राज्यों में कानून और व्यवस्था में सुधार लाने के लिए उचित उपाय निकाले और ठोस उपाय करे।

Negotiations with ultras of North-East

235. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any progress in, Government's negotiations with ultras in the North-East, for a peaceful settlement of different issues being pressed by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The Government are committed to hold talks with the militant outfits of the North East to establish peace and normalcy in the region. The Prime Minister in his Press statement at Guwahati on 15.4.1998 had stated "To all those who have strayed from the paths of togetherness, whether in Assam or other State of the North East, I extend an invitation: come forward; let us discuss, my Government is committed to holding takes, to a restoration of peace; let us do so within the four corners of our Constitution."

After talks with the Issac-Muviah group of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, it was mutually agreed to cease fire for three months with effect from 1st August, 1997. The cease fire has since been extended till end of July, 1999.

Probe into foreign funding for conversions

236. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to probe foreign funding for conversions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to ensure greater transparency in the flow of foreign funds to all the organisations and the purpose for which they were spent?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 associations, which are covered under the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contribution is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The Central Government is also empowered under the Act to order inspection of accounts or records or audit books of accounts of such associations.

नेता जी के बारे में ब्रिटिश सरकार की घोषणा

237. **प्रो॰ राम गोपाल यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या ब्रिटिश सरकार ने नेता जी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस को युद्ध-अपराधी घोषित किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस घोषणा को रद्द कराने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) यूनाईटेड किंगडम सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत सूचना के अनुसार, नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस का नाम उनके द्वारा तैयार की गयी अपराधियों की किसी सूची में सम्मिलित नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Ban of Lottery

238. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have committed suicide after suffering losses in lotteries, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to ban lotteries throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Specific information about the persons who have committed suicide after suffering losses in lotteries is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) and (c) A proposal to enact a comprehensive legislation to ban lotteries in the country is under consideration.

Deterioration of law and order in Delhi

239. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for deteriorating law and order situation in the country; particularly in the capital; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to control this menace?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Despite some areas of concern, the law and order situation in the country is under control. The major concerns centre around Pak-sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, inter-linked and externally supported subversive activites of militant groups in the North-East and the violence perpetrated by the Left Wing extremist groups. In addition, caste and ethnic conflicts, as also the sharpening divide along communal lines in some states, continue to exert pressure on the law and order machinery.

'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve the law and order situation in the States. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-terrorist operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of their activities among the States. Further, help is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc. In certain special circumstances, financial assistance has also been given to some of the affected States over and above the on-going allocations for modernisation of police and supply of weapons.

As regards the situation in the NCT of Delhi, there has been some increase in the registered/reported crimes, The following steps have been taken by the Government to improve the law and order situation in the NCT of Delhi.

1. Intensification of beat patrolling especially from 6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M.

2. High visibility of police in vulnerable areas.